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## Three Sentenced in Killing of Grandson Defending Grandfather

Three men found guilty of the 2012 shooting of a 24-year-old man that tried to help his grandfather after a robbery were sentenced to life today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office said.

Deputy District Attorney Scott Marcus with the Hardcore Gang Division said Evin Adonis Ortiz, 25, Rene Ubaldo Ramirez, 32, and Edwin Alexander Bonilla, 30, were sentenced to life without the possibility of parole for the murder of Danilo Estuerdo Morales.

Ramirez received an additional 25-years-to-life sentence for personally firing the gun that killed Morales.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Greg Dohi of the Van Nuys Branch also gave the three men a second life sentence for the attempted murder of Manuel Flores, 70.

The three were found guilty of the special circumstance murder of Morales and the attempted murder and second-degree robbery of his grandfather on Nov. 1, 2013.

According to witness testimony, early on the evening of Jan. 9, 2012 the three men confronted the elderly victim and robbed him after he parked his car in the 8100 block of Coldwater Canyon Avenue in North Hollywood. When Flores screamed for help, one of the defendants shot at him but missed, Marcus said.

Morales heard his grandfather's cry for help and chased after the robbers as they ran into their car. When he caught up to them, Ramirez shot him in the head, killing him, Marcus added.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, North Hollywood Division.

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